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**MINUTES OF THE CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FACILITATION COMMITTEE  
(CCFC) MEETING HELD ON 25.07.2017**

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The 12th meeting of the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) for Zone-I was held on 25.07.2017 at 4:00 P.M. in the Conference Hall, New Custom House, Ballard Estate, Mumbai under the Chairmanship of Shri Rajeev Tandon, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-I.

2. The following officers/representatives attended the meeting:-

Sl. No.	Name & Designation (S/Shri)	Organization
1	S.K. Das, Pr. Commissioner(Gen)	Customs Zone-I
2	Ravinder Saroop, ADG, DGTS	Mumbai
3	Ramesh Chander , Commissioner (Export.- I ),	Customs Zone-I
4	J. S. Negi, Commissioner(Import- II)	Customs Zone-I
5	Prachi Saroop, Commissioner(Import- I, Export-II )	Customs Zone-I
6	Akhilesh Pandey, ADC, CCO	Customs Zone-I
7	Ms Kiran Verma, ADC /IMP- I	Customs Zone-I
8	Ms. Sunita Pandey, ADC, Export-II	Customs Zone-I
9	Dr. Deepak Sharma, ADC, Import-I	Customs Zone-I
10	N. Rammohan Rao, JC/Import-II	Customs Zone-I
11	Rajesh Kothari, JC, Export-I	Customs Zone-I
12	Amit F Ghawate, JC, Export	Customs Zone-I
13	Hoshang J.B. Jal, AC/CC Office	Customs Zone-I
14	Rassal Dwivedi, DC, Import	Customs Zone-I
15	G. Manigandasamy, DC/EDI.	Customs Zone-I

16	S. Veeramuthu, DC/Mulund (Exp.)	Customs Zone-I
17	Manoj Kumar, DC/Import-I	Customs Zone-I
18	Amar Bhadur Singh, DC/Import-II	Customs Zone-I
19	Rajesh kumar, DC, Export-I	Customs Zone-I
20	Rupak Kumar, AC/ICD (M) (I)	Customs Zone-I
21	Shirish Gogate, Supdt.	DGTS
22	Chandrabhushan	DGTS
23	R.K. Vartak	DGTS
24	Eric Dsouza	DGTS
25	R.S. Narsimha Murthy , Jt. Director	CRCL
26	B.S. Khati, Wildlife Inspector	WCCB
27	Abhishek Dutta, Sub- Inspector	CISF
28	S. K. Sam, Inspector	CISF
29	Anil S Thakur	CONCOR
30	Dr. C. S. Patni, Asstt. Director	Plant Quarantine
31	N. W. Gawande, Dy. Traffic Manager	MbPT
32	K. Selvaraj, Dy. director	Textile Committee.
33	Sudhir P.V., Pr. System Analyst	NIC
34	Borkar B.N., Supdt.	BMC
35	V.K. Pancham, Dy. Director,	FSSAI
36	Dr. Sheetal Gupta, Authorised Officer	FSSAI
37	Ashish Pednekar, President	BCBA
38	Dushyant Mulani, Secretary	BCBA
39	Omprakash Agarwal, President	MSWA
40	Shankar Shinde, Managing Committee	BCBA
41	Roshan Irani, Co, Member	AIWCBA
42	Ms. Ganguly, Core Member	AIWCBA
43	K. S. Shetty, Sr. Vice President	BCBA
44	G K. Bhandari, Managing Committee Member	BCBA

3. At the outset, the Chair welcomed all the members of CCFC and emphasized the need to have CCFC meetings regularly to resolve the issues of the trade and for better co-ordination amongst all stake holders, in order to facilitate the trade, to enable them to do business at optimum levels from the Port of Mumbai. He stressed that this is more pertinent, as the country is going through the major tax reforms

and entering into the era of GST. He pointed out that, the department is taking all steps to ensure seamless transformations into the GST era. He informed the members about the various measures like FAQ sessions, Reach Out Programs, Trade Sessions and lauded the Trader Community of Mumbai, along with the Trade Partners, quickly adopting them into the GST regime.

4. Shri Ravinder Saroop, ADG, DGTS, Mumbai made a presentation, with special emphasis to exim trade. He briefed about the impact of GST on Customs, the transitional provisions, general benefits of GST, General provisions for Customs Brokers, GST formations and Commission rates.

5. Sh. Akhilesh Pandey, Addl. Commissioner/CCO presented the presentation on the study of Dwell time conducted by the department in clearance of Import/Export cargo at Mumbai Customs. It was brought to the notice of the CCFC members that :

- Out of the total time taken for clearance of the non-RMS facilitated cargo, Mumbai customs consumed only 39% of the time, whereas the Trade used up 61% of the time.
- For RMS B/Es, the average time taken by the Customs is 3 hrs 3 min, whereas the average time taken by Importer/Customs Broker is 122.0 hrs.
- For 2<sup>nd</sup> Check B/Es, the average time taken by Customs from filing of Bill of Entry to assessment is 34 hours & 06 minutes and from Registration to Out of Charge is 7 hours & 43 minutes. i.e. the total time taken by Customs is 41 hours & 49 minutes, whereas the trade utilized , on an average, 39 hours & 25 minutes from assessment to payment of duty and 23 hours & 3 minutes from payment to registration. i.e. total time taken by trade is 62 hrs 28 min.
- The Examination time for a container, including reporting has been brought down to 35 minutes.

6. The chair urged the CCFC & other trade members to optimise their efficiency levels to bring down the dwell time further. The Mumbai Customs, Zone- I had ranked the top importers/ Custom Brokers, who performed best in the criteria of minimum dwell time taken to clear the cargo. The ADC then informed that various Importers and Custom Brokers, who performed top to minimize the dwell time, were as follows:

#### **IMPORTERS**

<b>AREA</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> place</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>
<b>Entry Inward to Submission of B/E</b>	RAJ PETRO SPECIALITIES PVT LTD	METAL ONE CORPORATION INDIA PVT. LTD	APAR INDUSTRIES LIMITED.
<b>Assessment to Duty Payment</b>	JUPITER DYE CHEM PVT LTD.	NAMINATH TRADE LINK	APAR INDUSTRIES LIMITED
<b>Payment to Registration</b>	CHETANA ENTERPRISES	NAMINATH TRADE LINK	NIPPON STEEL SUMIKIN PIPE INDIA PVT. LTD

**CUSTOMS BROKERS**

Criteria- (No. of Bills of Entry)	Entry Inward to Submission of B/E	Assessment to Duty Payment	Payment to Registration
15-20	MB LOGISTICS	HAYATT SHIPPING PVT. LTD.	TANMAY GLOBAL LOGISTICS LTD.
21-25	CAPRICORN LOGISTICS PVT LTD	SADGURU LOGISTICS PVT. LTD	SADGURU LOGISTIC PVT. LTD.
Above 25	ALL INDIA CLEARING AND FORWARDING PVT. LIMITED	RAJAN VIRJI & CO.	BEHAG OVERSEAS

The Chair appreciated the efforts taken by these importers/ Customs Brokers and urged other CCFC Members to follow the best practices. The CCFC Members appreciated and lauded the above Importers and the Customs Brokers for the efforts. They also proposed for creation of another category criteria at the lower end.

7. Thereafter, the Addl. Commissioner/CCO presented the old agenda points, which are discussed as below:

<b>Issue 1</b>	<b>Installation of scanner at ICD(M)</b>
Issue in brief	<p>A Baggage scanner has been installed at ICD (Mulund), which would cater to the need of baggage clearance facility within city area. It was pointed out in the last CCFC Meeting that manual clearance is still being given even after introduction of EDI.</p> <p>The Chair had directed to issue a Public Notice to make the passengers know about the facility. Further, in order to remove technical hurdle in implementation of EDI in baggage, the Chair had directed to make a reference to Directorate of Systems.</p>
Reply/ Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ It has been ascertained that, after the examination of baggage, Challan number was being generated for payment at bank, but it was not reflecting in the system. It has been ascertained that the baggage clearance is manual in other Customs formations also. Thus, baggage clearance is presently being done manually.</li> <li>▶ A Public Notice No.55/2017 dt. 08.05.2017, notifying the clearance facility through EDI has been issued.</li> <li>▶ However, to remove technical glitches, matter has also been referred to the DG/Systems, Delhi.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Point closed.</b></p>

<b>Issue 2</b>	<b>Ease of doing business</b>
Issue in brief	<p>The Chair had desired that every effort should be made to take a firm step towards achieving the mission "Ease of doing business" by curtailing Dwell time, transaction cost and minimum interference by the agencies including measures like filing advance bills of entry. Further, it was expressed that time taken for amendment required to be done pursuant to filing IGM, should be curtailed down to minimum possible. Similarly, possibility of resorting to 2<sup>nd</sup> check assessment, wherever possible, would also be looked into.</p> <p>Shri B. Timothy, Additional Commissioner, vide letter dt. 11.04.2017 had submitted the report that filing of advance bills of entry has been started at ICD Mulund for ease of doing business. The BCBA informed that filing advance Bill of Entry, is a happy scenario and many imports have resorted to it. The BCBA had raised many points like amendment in B/Es, frequent breakdown of server, the impact of amendments in Section 46 &amp; 47 of Customs Act 1962 on trade due to these breakdowns, loss of connectivity with Bank's Servers etc.</p> <p>The Chair had directed BCBA to look into and make a detail point wise submissions so that the issue can be taken up with concern authorities.</p>
Reply/ Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The matter was pursued with DG (System), Delhi for alternate connectivity by Tata Communication Ltd., (besides existing primary MTNL connection). The same has been approved by DG System and MUX and router has been already installed. It will be operational shortly. Consequently, issue of slow functioning/ breakdown of system will be sorted out from our side.</li> <li>▶ Public Notice 80 dated 30.06.2017 and 82 dated 06.07.2017 have been issued, delegating the powers to concerned DC/ AC to waive off the penalty, in case of delay in filing of Bill of Entry, due to break down of system.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Point Closed</b></p>
<b>Issue 3</b>	<b>CISF presence during loading and unloading the car cargo</b>
Issue in brief	<p>Representative of BCBA expressed the difficulty faced citing the recent amendment by the MbPT making the presence of CISF official mandatory while loading/unloading of wheeled (Car) cargo in the RO-</p>

	RO vessel. It was expressed that difficulty in coordinating the agency involved, especially MbPT, CISF, is the issue.
Reply/ Comments	<p>► The members of BCBA submitted that there was no need for dual control of CISF at the entry/ exit point and also at the loading/ unloading point inside the Custom bonded area. The chair requested CISF to re-examine the situation positively as there was merit in the concern raised by trade &amp; was a mere hindrance to trade facilitation as the goods were already inside bonded area. He specifically pointed out that CISF personnel ordinarily take about 5-6 minutes for each car due to such checking. The Chair directed that the Preventive General Section should study and examine the issue. He also directed BCBA to submit the representation to CISF, with a copy to Customs.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action: ADC(PG) , MbPT, BCBA and CISF</b></p>
<b>Issue 4</b>	<b>Shifting of STP</b>
Issue in brief	<p>The Chair was informed about the proposed closure of STP (Sewri Timber Point) and shifting of cargo examination area to some other location, in view of the proposal for modification of infrastructure in MbPT (Sewri-Nhava-Sheva sea link). The Chair was informed by the Pr. Commissioner (G) that substitute place is inadequate to handle the activities in STP CFS. And also that post-GST volume of containerized cargo would see upward growth resultantly requiring more space for activities. Representatives of BCBA also seconded the observation.</p>
Reply/ Comments	<p>► MbPT had conveyed to the Customs that STP will be handed over to MMRDA by Oct-Nov'2017. Therefore, the alternative place i.e. Wadala Incinerator Plot was chosen in the joint survey conducted by MbPT and Customs. Further, Customs has requested for basic infrastructure like weigh bridge, space for examination and office space in the proposed Wadala Incinerator Plot and the MbPT agreed to develop the same.</p> <p>► In the meantime MbPT offered MOD (Manganese Ore Depot) and existing infrastructure in the MOD will be used for the time being.</p> <p>The Chair directed MbPT to provide the basic infrastructure like weigh bridge, space for examination and office space at MOD till the Wadala Incinerator Plot is developed and the basic amenities and offices are provided there.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action: Pr. Commissioner(Gen) and MbPT</b></p>

8. Thereafter, the Addl. Commissioner/CCO presented the new agenda points which are discussed as below:

<b>Issue 5</b>	<b>Amendment / Inclusion of a provision in ICES of Single Window Project (SWP)</b>
Issue in brief	<p>Once the sample is sent for testing from AQCS, NOC LG (provisional) in ICES of SWP is accorded to avoid demurrage and detention charges, as the item comes under Compulsory Testing (CT). On the basis of legal bond given by the importer with an undertaking that the product will be kept under customs bonded and not used till final NOC is accorded by AQCS, provisional clearance is done.</p> <p>Final NOC is accorded on hard copy of B/E and not in system. Most of the importers do not appear for final clearance even after the testing report is received by AQCS. The status of the consignment is unknown to AQ after NOC (LG) stage as BE is not reflected on AQ system after that.</p> <p>If there is a provision of monitoring the status of BE in ICES of SWP after provisional clearance (NOC LG), a proper check will be made for the consignment and based on the report, final clearance will be accorded in ICES of SWP accordingly.</p>
Reply/ Comments	<p>AQ authorities have informed that this issue pertains to Zone-II &amp; III and not to Zone-I. However, the EDI Section has forwarded the issue to the DG (System) &amp; the Commissioner (Single Window), Delhi. The legal bonds are monitored by the respective groups for compliance of conditions thereof. EDI Section has requested office of DG to develop a new module, that may be inserted in the system to view the status of Bill of Entry after final report for all PGAs. The issue has been referred to the office of the DG(System).</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Point Closed</b></p>
<b>Issue 6</b>	<b>Status of pending applications/Bills of Entry at CHA/Importer's end</b>
Issue in brief	An email was received from FSSAI regarding pending applications/Bills of Entry at the Customs Broker's / Importer's end.
	<p>FSSAI has asked for status of 19 Bills of Entry. The DC, Group I has replied to FSSAI about their status. It has been informed that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ In 10 cases only IEC was mentioned and NO Bill of Entry could be found on the given date against that IEC.</li> <li>➤ 8 Bills of Entry have been cleared.</li> <li>➤ One Bill of Entry No.8882733 dated 14.03.2017, has not been cleared and same is pending for want of FSSAI NOC.</li> </ul>

Docks examination report stats as follows: "old igm. dc/docks ordered 10% examination on a hard copy of B/E inspected , lot opened and examined 100% on 15.04.2017 checked mks & nos, checked desc., Quantity as per inv. , B/E, P/L, shelf life of item no 6&7 in B/E was found to be less than 6 months at the time of exam. FSSAI NOC not yet provided. CB vide letter dated 06.05.2017 stated that "FSSAI inspection officer is not giving appointment for inspection" CB has not turned up yet, followed RMS/CCR/OGD inst as appl. approval of DC/Docks to forward the B/E to group on hard copy of B/E".

It was directed that the PGA can ascertain the present status of Bills of Entry from EDI Section, NCH/ email- [group1import@gmail.com](mailto:group1import@gmail.com) or from ICEGATE portal

**POINT CLOSED**

9. The Chair expressed satisfaction for having fruitful and apt discussions concerning the smooth and optimized business environment for the benefit of the trade at the port of Mumbai. He urged to have maximum participation of the CCFC Members to achieve the objectives of CCFC. While, appreciating and welcoming the participation of designated officers of government agencies/department/ stakeholders nominated vide Trade Notice F.No. S/V-30(93)/2014 CCO I(Unit-IV) dated 30.04.2015, he requested for carrying on the spirit of the meeting in their respective organizations for meaningful interaction and attainment of the stated objectives of the CCFC.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

This issues with the approval of the Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-I.

**Sd/-**

**(Akhilesh Pandey)**

Addl. Commissioner of Customs (CCO),  
Mumbai Zone-I

Copy to:

1. Shri Pawan Khetan, OSD(CUS IV), CBEC, New Delhi
2. All Pr. Commrs/Commissioners of Customs, Mumbai Zone-I
3. All the Members of the CCFC Meeting ...by email
4. BCBA
5. DC/ICD (M), DC/Gr. I
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